

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (original): A composition suitable for oral administration comprising clopidogrel in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form which composition comprises

- a polymer coating selected from a polyvinyl acetate or a polyvinyl alcohol, and
- a hydrophobic component comprising a hydrogenated vegetable oil,

wherein the salt is selected from mesylate, hydrobromide, hydroiodide and hydrochloride, and wherein the clopidogrel is in the form of coated particles, granules or agglomerates.

2. (original): A composition as claimed in claim 1 in form of a tablet, sachet or capsule.

3. (currently amended): A composition as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the coated particles, granules or agglomerates are free of or substantially free of HPMC.

4. (original): A process for preparing tablets comprising clopidogrel in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form which process comprises

- a) compacting the clopidogrel with anhydrous or substantially anhydrous components so as to form aggregates,
- b) breaking down the aggregates so as to form granules or particles,
- c) optionally mixing the granules or particles with at least one further component, and
- d) compacting or compressing the granules or particles thus formed into tablets,

wherein the clopidogrel is used in mesylate, hydrobromide, hydroiodide, or hydrochloride form, and the process further comprises mixing a moisture scavenger with the aggregates, granules or particles.

5. (original): A process as claimed in claim 4 further comprising addition of a hydrophobic lubricant.

6. (currently amended): A process as claimed in claim 4 ~~or 5~~ carried out in a low- or ultra-low humidity environment.

7. (currently amended): A process as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 4 to 6 wherein step a) is carried out using roller compaction.

8. (currently amended): A process as claimed in ~~any one of~~ claims 4 to 7 which process further comprises a granule- or particle-coating step after step b) or step c) when present and before step d).

9. (original): A process as claimed in claim 8 wherein the coating is carried out using a hydrophobic polymer, a hydrogenated vegetable oil or a cyclodextrin.

10. (currently amended): A tablet prepared by the process of ~~any one of~~ claims 4 to 9.

11. (original): A tablet as claimed in claim 10 which is free of or substantially free of HPMC.